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In re Patent No. 6,524,199  
Issue Date: February 25, 2003  
Application No. 09/768,600  
Filed: January 25, 2001  
Title of Invention: **SYSTEM FOR LOCATING A  
GOLF BALL**

**ON PETITION**

**CORRECTED DECISION<sup>1</sup>**

This is a decision on the second renewed petition, filed November 2, 2007 (October 30, 2007 certificate of mail date), under 37 CFR 1.378(e) requesting reconsideration of a prior decision which refused to accept under § 1.378(c) the delayed payment of the first maintenance fee for the above-referenced patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued February 25, 2003. Accordingly, the first maintenance fee due could have been paid during the period from February 27, 2006 through August 27, 2006 or with a surcharge during the period from August 28, 2006 through February 25, 2007. This patent expired on February 25, 2007.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c)<sup>2</sup> to accept late payment of the maintenance fee was filed on July 23, 2007 and was dismissed in a decision mailed August 10, 2007 because the fees submitted were deficient. The renewed petition filed August 31, 2007 was also dismissed in a decision mailed September 27, 2007 because the maintenance fee was not included with the petition.

Comes now the petitioner with the instant petition filed under 37 CFR 1.378(e) and additional funds to cover the maintenance fee.

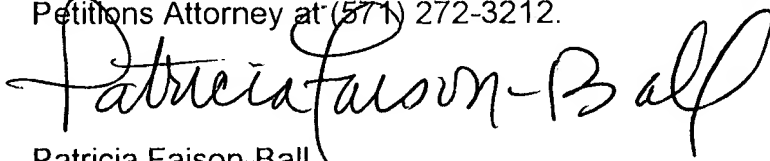
<sup>1</sup>This decision corrects the decision mailed November 19, 2007 unfortunately because the credit card number provided was handwritten by the petitioner and therefore misread by the office personnel. Therefore the fees appeared to be deficient and the petition was dismissed. This decision clarifies and supercedes the decision mailed November 19, 2007.

<sup>2</sup>37 CFR 1.378(c) provides that a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee must be filed within twenty-four months of the six-month grace period provided in § 1.362(e) and must include:

- (1) The required maintenance fee set forth in § 1.20(e) through (g);
- (2) The surcharge set forth in § 1.201(2); and
- (3) A statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional.

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision. Fees in the amount of \$465.00 for the first maintenance fee has been charged to petitioner's credit card as effective September 30, 2007 the fee for the first maintenance fee has been increased from \$450.00 to \$465.00. The petition fee in the amount of \$400 and the surcharge in the amount of \$1,640.00 were previously submitted and have been applied.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patricia Faison-Ball". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P".

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